

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

1-31. (CANCELLED)

32. A detergent composition comprising:

(a) an effective soil removing amount of a nonionic surfactant blend comprising:

(i) a nonionic surfactant comprising a hydrophobic group and an - (EO)_x group, wherein x is a number of about 1 to 100; and

(ii) a nonionic silicone surfactant comprising a hydrophobic silicone group and a pendent hydrophilic polyalkylene oxide group;

(b) an effective amount of a hardness sequestering agent;

(c) an effective amount of a binding agent to provide the detergent composition as a solid, wherein the binding agent comprises a complex of an organic phosphonate compound, sodium carbonate, and water; and

(d) wherein the detergent composition includes an effective soil removing amount of a source of alkalinity to provide the detergent composition with a pH of at least 10.0 when provided as a 1 wt.% aqueous solution.

33. A detergent composition according to claim 32, wherein the source of alkalinity comprises an alkali metal hydroxide.

34. A detergent composition according to claim 32, wherein the source of alkalinity comprises an alkali metal carbonate.

35. A warewashing detergent composition according to claim 32, wherein the source of alkalinity comprises sodium carbonate.

36. A warewashing detergent composition according to claim 32, wherein the nonionic surfactant comprises a linear alcohol ethoxylate or an alkyl phenol ethoxylate.
37. A warewashing detergent composition according to claim 32, wherein the nonionic surfactant comprises a benzyl capped C₈₋₁₂ linear alcohol 6 to 16 mole ethoxylate.
38. A warewashing detergent composition according to claim 32 further comprising a source of chlorine.
39. A warewashing detergent composition according to claim 38, wherein the source of chlorine comprises an encapsulated chlorine source.
40. A warewashing detergent composition according to claim 32, wherein the sequestering agent comprises an amino trialkylene phosphonic acid sodium salt.
41. A warewashing detergent composition according to claim 32, wherein the sequestering agent comprises at least one of 2-phosphono-butane-1,2,4-tricarboxylic acid sodium salt, 1-hydroxyethylidene-1,1-diphosphonic acid, diethylenetriamine-penta(methylenephosphonic acid), and mixtures thereof.
42. A warewashing detergent composition according to claim 32, wherein the sequestering agent comprises at least one of sodium tripolyphosphate and amino trimethylene phosphonic acid sodium salt, 2-phosphono-butane-1,2,4-tricarboxylic acid, 1-hydroxyethylidene-1,1-diphosphonic acid, diethylenetriamine-penta(methylenephosphonic acid), and mixtures thereof.
43. A warewashing detergent composition according to claim 32, wherein the composition is provided in the form of a solid block.
44. A warewashing detergent composition according to claim 32, wherein the composition is provided in the form of solid pellets.

45. A warewashing detergent composition according to claim 32, wherein the composition is provided in the form of powder.
46. A warewashing detergent composition according to claim 32, wherein the composition is provided in the form of agglomerated powder.
47. A warewashing detergent composition according to claim 32, wherein the composition is provided as a solid extruded product.